

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 DOHA 00061 190355Z

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 ARA-10 EUR-12 EA-09 NEA-10 ISO-00 FEA-01

ERDA-07 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 CIEP-02 COME-00 DODE-00

FPC-01 H-02 INR-07 INT-05 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 OMB-01

PM-04 USIA-15 OES-06 SP-02 SS-15 STR-04 TRSE-00

ACDA-10 IO-13 PA-02 PRS-01 /169 W

-----190421Z 089799 /72-62

R 171052Z JAN 77

FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2205

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

USINT BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY QUITO

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

UNCLAS DOHA 0061

DEPT PASS USINT BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : OPEC, ENRG, QA

SUBJECT QATARI OIL MINISTER VISITS TO GULF OIL PRODUCERS

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 DOHA 00061 190355Z

1. QATARI MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, APPARENTLY IN HIS CAPACITY AS CURRENT OPEC PRESIDENT, HAS BEGUN TOUR OF GULF OIL PRODUCING STATES.

2. ACCORDING JAN 17 QATAR NEWS AGENCY REPORT, ABDUL AZIZ ARRIVED IN KUWAIT JAN 16 AND DECLARED THAT HE WOULD BE GOING ON TO IRAQ, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE, AND THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO

STRENGTHEN COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN PETROLEUM FIELD.

3. ASKED ABOUT REPORTED OIL PRODUCTION INCREASES IN SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE, ABDUL AZIZ STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THIS, AND IN ANY CASE IT WAS BETTER NOT RPT NOT TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER BEFORE THE FACT, ALTHOUGH IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE DISCUSSED IF SUCH PRODUCTION INCREASES DID OCCUR. QUERIED RE OIL COMPANY REQUESTS TO REDUCE PURCHASES AGREED TO UNDER CONTRACT, ABDUL AZIZ RESPONDED THAT SOME COMPANIES RESORT TO SUCH METHODS AS PRESSURE TACTIC, BUT OPEC REMAINED COHESIVE EVEN THOUGH IT IN DISAGREEMENT.

4. RE EXTRAORDINARY OPEC MINISTERIAL, ABDUL AZIZ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF THIS BUT EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO MEETING, WHICH HE BELIEVED UNNECESSARY.

5. ON LOCAL MATTER, ABDUL AZIZ REITERATED THAT GOQ HAS COMPLETED ASSUMING FULL CONTROL OF ITS OIL RESOURCES, AND THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED WITH SHELL AT END OF JANUARY CONCERNING GOQ'S "COMPLETE CONTROL OF ITS GAS RESOURCES".

6. QNA REPORTED FURTHER THAT ABDUL AZIZ'S DISCUSSIONS IN KUWAIT WOULD TOUCH ON EFFECT OF TWO-TIER OIL PRICE ON WORLD MARKET AND HOLDING OF EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF OPEC.

7. FURTHER RE PURPOSE OF ABDUL AZIZ TOUR, WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FBIS REPORT OF STATEMENT HE GAVE TO AL AHRAH JAN 16 BEFORE LEAVING CAIRO FOR KUWAIT TO EFFECT THAT HE SEEKING AGREEMENT TO REUNIFY ATTITUDE OF OPEC" VIA "COMPROMISE"
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 DOHA 00061 190355Z

ON PRICE DISPUTE WHEREBY ALL OPEC STATES WILL AGREE ON TEN PERCENT INCREASE, BUT CANCEL FIVE PERCENT ADDITIONAL DUE TO TAKE EFFECT JULY 1.

8. JAN 17 QNA ALSO CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM ABDUL AZIZ INTERVIEW WITH SAUDI PAPER AL JAZIRAH IN WHICH HE STATED EFFORT ON-GOING IN OPEC TO AGREE ON "UNIFIED PRICE", WHICH NECESSARY TO PREVENT COMPANIES FROM EXPLOITING TWO-TIER PRICE. HE EXHORTED ALL OPEC MEMBERS TO COOPERATE IN ACHIEVING AGREEMENT ON SINGLE PRICE.
PAGANELLI

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PETROLEUM PRODUCTION, MINISTERIAL VISITS, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, PRICES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977DOHA00061
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770028-0421, D770018-0043
Format: TEL
From: DOHA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770146/aaaabonc.tel
Line Count: 108
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 2dd7f2d8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23-Sep-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3584126
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: QATARI OIL MINISTER VISITS TO GULF OIL PRODUCERS UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED
TAGS: ENRG, OVIP, QA, XF, OPEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/2dd7f2d8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009